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T WHARF HAS GOOD SUPPLY.

Fish Prices Are High For Christmas Week.

Considering the bad blowy weather which has prevailed of late, T wharf has a good supply of fish this morning. Prices are high, especially so for Christmas week, showing that the public demand for fresh fish is steady and strong. The only off shore haddock in is the otter trawler Spray, which has a trip that is a big money-maker. Sch. Mooween brings the first halibut fare for quite a while.

The big sch. John J. Fallon, which generally goes off shore, fished off Chatham, and so comes in with the live fish crowd. Three of the pollock fleet are in, sch. Pauline, Capt. Percy Firth, keeping up her big work, and being high with 23,000 pounds, which means a stock of about \$600, which is traveling some for a pollock.

Sch. Mooween is from Quero Bank and has been up against all kinds of bad weather. Nevertheless, Capt. McDonald has dragged a good trip out of it, for although halibut were scarce, the craft having 9000 pounds, good codfishing was found and the craft brought home 25,000 pounds fresh cod, and 30,000 pounds of salt cod, with 4000 pounds of hake beside. Of the market boats, who evidently stole a set Sunday, sch. Pontiac has 21,000 pounds, the largest of the lot, though schs. M. Madeleine, Rose Standish, Margaret Dillon, Flavilla and Mary E. Cooney all have fine fares, as also have the fleet of little Plymouth netters, who have been striking good codfishing, and getting big prices.

Haddock sold at from \$3.75 to \$4.50 and large cod, shore goods, \$6.50. New off shore cod brought \$3.50 and old \$2.50. Hake are still up, the price being \$2.50 to \$5, while pollock are going brisk at \$2.50 and \$2.75.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Esther Gray, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Hobo, 1500 cod.
Sch. Buema, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Eva Avina, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 8000 haddock, 2000 pollock.
Sch. John J. Fallon, 12,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 15,000 hake.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Flavilla, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Florida, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Sylvester, 3000 cod.
Sch. Maxwell, 3000 cod.
Sch. Athena, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Mooween, 25,000 cod, 4000 hake, 30,000 salt fish, 9000 halibut.
Sch. Appomattox, 14,000 pollock.
Steamer Spray, 58,000 haddock, 700 cod.
Sch. Pontiac, 9000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 cusk, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Pauline, 23,000 pollock.
Sch. Robert and Carr, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. W. H. Clement, 7000 cod.
Sch. Nokomis, 9000 cod.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake, 1000 cusk, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Standish, 1000 cod, 13,000 pollock.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 1000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Haddock, \$3.75 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$6.50; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; hake, \$2.50 to \$5; pollock, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

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Portland Fish Notes

Owing to the strong wind outside the entire fishing fleet, including several schooners and four or five sloops were unable to set their gear Friday and returned to port about noon. Many of the vessels came back to Commercial wharf and tied up, while others anchored in the lower bay. There was not a single vessel to bring in fish and as a result of the continued breezy weather at sea the local fish supply is becoming low.

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MARKET BOATS GET FISH DAY.

Fleet of Thirty Sailed Saturday Night.

There are no arrivals here this morning, indeed the harbor has an extra bare appearance, for the market boats have a fish day at last and are all out, no less than 30 of them getting away Saturday night.

On Saturday afternoon sch. Romance arrived from Western Bank with 50,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock and the steam netters Quoddy and Nomad landed small catches.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Romance, Western Bank, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Catherine Burke, via Boston.
Sch. Matiana, shore.
Sch. Cynthia, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Br. sch. Strathcona, Lunenburg, N. S.
Sch. Monitor, halibuting.
Sch. Rob Roy, haddocking.
Sch. Actor, pollocking.
Sch. Emily Sears, pollocking.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, Boston.
Sch. Motor, shore.
Sch. Rebecca, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Galatea, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Tecumseh, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
Sch. Massasoit, shore.
Sch. Seaconnet, shore.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.
Sch. Hortense, shore.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.
Sch. Rose Standish, Boston.
Sch. Hope, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut 12c per lb.
Board of trade prices:
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 59c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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Herring at Cape Negro.

Large catches of herring are still taken at Cape Negro, N. S., and they seem as plentiful as when they first made their appearance in the harbor. Codfish are fairly good whenever weather permits to go for them.

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RIGHT VS. LIBERTY

Western Correspondent Talks on Newfoundland Case.

The recent number of the Pacific Fisherman contains the following communication on the Hecate Straits halibut difficulty and the Newfoundland herring troubles, with a few very plain spoken remarks regarding the diplomacy attached to each affair:

Editor Pacific Fisherman:—Being interested in codfishing both on the east and west coasts, I have been much interested in the progress of the Newfoundland fisheries case. It is a matter of concern to both coasts, as it resembles in many ways and may prove a precedent for the Hecate Strait matter. I note a recent dispatch from Washington to the effect that the United States case has been completed, and that it is considered strong enough to bring victory on each and every one of our contentions. I regret to say that this is unhappily not a fact. We did have a case until we surrendered it at the insistence of Newfoundland last February. We had a fair chance of getting a verdict in our favor, but I want to say that all this fuss and feathers which I observe the state department lawyers at Washington are busy over in the premises does not fool a single one of us in this business of codfishing.

"When our diplomats" agreed to surrender our claim of "right" to fish inside of the territorial limits of British waters and admitted that we only held the "liberty" to do so under the terms of the treaty of '88, we simply gave up our case. We go into that court now and at The Hague next April or May, with the idle attempt on our part to convince the court that having the "liberty" to fish there, we have the "right" to do so. What nonsense on our part!

"It is a dull mind that fails to realize this clear distinction between being "allowed" to do something and having the "right" to do it.

A statement made to the Daily News Newfoundland correspondent, "that the decision will be awaited with keen anxiety by the countries concerned," is simply not true. The British case was made up and finished two months ago. We gave this whole thing up when we amended our claim at the order of Sir Robert Bond last February, and the senate agreed to that amendment.

"That sham parade of half a dozen high-priced "diplomatic" lawyers and a string of "experts" now advertised, at our cost and credit, is all that is left. It is time, however, that the people know what it really amounts to and what it will end in.

ALASKA."

Large Shipments of Nova Scotia Lobsters.

The long-looked-for shipment of lobsters from the provinces arrived at Boston Sunday by the steamer from Yarmouth. In it there were, according to various estimates, somewhere between 921 and 980 crates. The crates average 140 pounds each, which, taking the lowest estimate, 921 crates, would give 128,940 pounds, or more than 64 tons.

The arrival of the lobsters caused a drop in prices, although a higher price was got for them than will be given again for some time. The lobsters run well in size, and are practically fresh out of the water. Another lot is expected on the Halifax steamer, and it is hoped that this will also be a large one.

Prediction of Higher Codfish Prices.

Says Shipping Illustrated: "Codfish of best grades is expected to be very high before next summer owing to the great shortage of the Labrador catch during the past season. Prices have already advanced in the Brazilian trade to almost record figures, and it is expected that the Mediterranean trade will take so much of the Newfoundland shore fish in lieu of Labrador, as to leave the supplies very scarce. The figures paid for fish at St. John's of late have been such as to indicate the intention of the purchasers to hold them for advances of unparalleled proportions—if they do not intend to lose money."

BOSTON FISH PRICES LOWER.

Nearness of Christmas Affects the Demand.

The approach of Christmas is noted today in the drop of prices of fresh fish at T wharf. Some 30 trips are in, all but two from the shore grounds, and many fine fares among them, several of the boats having between 12,000 and 21,000 pounds, while sch. Aspinet has 32,000 pounds, an extra good catch.

Of the off shores, schs. Squanto and Josie and Phebe have 54,000 and 40,000 pounds respectively, and sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, from South Channel, has 25,000 pounds. Among the high boats are schs. George H. Lube, Sadie M. Nunan, Valentinna, Ida S. Brooks, Hockomock, Washakie, Thomas J. Carroll, Rita A. Viator, Alice, Eva and Mildred and Edith Silveira. Schs. Good Luck, Ralph Russell, Emily Sears and Emerald have nice pollock fares.

Off shore haddock went down to \$2.25 for old and \$2.75 for new, with shores at \$3 and \$3.50. Large cod were \$3.50 and \$3.75. Large hake held up well and pollock were strong at \$2.50 and \$2.60.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 2000 cod.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Almeida, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Hockomock, 8000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Washakie, 9000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Josie and Phebe, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 25,000 hake.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 5000 haddock, 1200 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Alice, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Emily Sears, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Eva and Mildred, 9000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3500 hake.
Sch. Edith Silveira, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Gracie E. Freeman, 7000 cod.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 3000 cod.
Sch. Priscilla, 6000 cod.
Sch. Emerald, 13,000 pollock.
Sch. George H. Lube, 11,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Valentinna, 3000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 7500 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Good Luck, 20,000 pollock.
Sch. Ralph Russell, 17,000 pollock.
Sch. Little Fannie, 2200 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.
Steamer Lydia, 1300 haddock, 300 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 1500 haddock, 700 cod, 200 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Squanto, 8000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 6000 hake, 25,000 cusk, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, 17,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Aspinet, 18,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Haddock, \$2.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$3.75; market cod, \$2.25; hake, \$1.50 to \$4; pollock, \$2.50 to \$2.60.

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Herring Plentiful at Northwest Harbor.

The herring at Northwest Harbor, N. S., still continue plentiful, two large Lunenburg vessels having completed their cargo and the third arrived on Saturday for a load of frozen herring while thousands are being shipped daily to Halifax. In reference to the cold storage, says a Provincial exchange, where is there a more favorable site for the plant than at this same Northwest Harbor, thus giving our men the opportunity of carrying on business in their own municipality and at the same time benefiting it in every way.

SCH. SQUANTO HUNG UP.

Touched on Ram's Head and Held Till the Next Tide.

Capt. Herbert Pubnicover, who took sch. Squanto on her last trip, met with an accident that has hung his vessel up on Ram's head, at the entrance to Boston harbor, Sunday night, and kept her there until the Monday afternoon tide. Capt. Pubnicover was ill and turned over the vessel to one of his men while he went below. He kept a lookout himself, however, and as the schooner was approaching the Graves he told the man to keep her over.

Just before she struck Capt. Pubnicover looked up from the companionway of the cabin, and told the man at the wheel to keep her off, but before the command could be obeyed the heel of the vessels caught, and she swung around and the bow grounded also. As Capt. Pubnicover had 60,000 pounds of fresh fish on board, and was anxious to get to the market for the opening yesterday morning, he got a towboat as soon as he could, but in the meantime the tide had gone down some, and the schooner held fast. The schooner was floated on last night's high water.

Sch. Mooween Fished Off Quero and Sable Island.

Sch. Mooween, Capt. Daniel McDonald, which arrived at Boston Sunday night had been out for four weeks, but had found halibut scarce. Capt. McDonald had fished down off Quero and Sable island, and found the weather there cold, but fair for fishing. He would have reached Boston last Saturday but for encountering a heavy snowstorm accompanied by a strong head wind while crossing the bay of Fundy. The return trip took five days. While he did not have much halibut the receipts for the cod and hake sold will help to swell the vessel's stock.

Caught 14-Pound Lobster.

Joseph Lefey, a member of the crew of fishing sch. John J. Fallon, one of yesterday's arrivals at T wharf, Boston, exhibited a 14-pound lobster which he brought to the surface while hauling trawls on the south channel grounds. He later disposed of it to the Quincy market fish house for \$2.

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Sardine Industry.

Norway packs 50,000,000 tins of sardines a year. On account of the high price of olive oil the Swedish factories have been experimenting with American cottonseed oil with which to immerse the sardines in the tins. Experts who have tried the two kinds—one in olive, the other in cotton seed oil—have been unable to detect which was which, so probably it will not be long before we Yankees are eating Swedish sardines packed in American oil.

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STEAM NETTERS MAKE GOOD HAULS

Shore Herring Fishery Believed Practically Over.

The steam netters Quoddy and Nomad struck good fishing on the shore grounds yesterday and came in here late yesterday afternoon, the former with 9000 pounds of fresh fish and the latter with 5000 pounds. Weather makes no difference to these crafts and they make daily trips.

This morning sch. Arcadia, Capt. Lemuel Firth arrived from Bonne Bay, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring. She left in company with schs. Ralph L. Hall and Arthur James, the latter being forced to harbor during bad weather at Louisburg, C. B., and sailing from there again Friday, while the former carried away her jumbo stay in the same blow and put into North Sydney, C. B., to repair, sailing again for home Saturday.

The Arcadia had a rough time of it, but met with no mishap and drove along all right.

The torchers have landed no herring for over a week now and it looks as though the jig was about up for fresh bait this season.

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The fact that owing to the anti-torching regulations, the torching fleet was greatly hampered in its work this fall and unable to operate on the good producing grounds, thus causing a very short fresh bait supply, made the vessels take frozen bait earlier and in larger quantities than usual, so that the frozen supply at present on hand is figured none too large to meet the demands which will be made on it during the winter, indeed some claim that the supply of frozen bait will be found to be too short to meet all demands before the season is over.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Arcadia, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1100 bbls. salt herring, 100 bbls. pickled herring.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Nomad, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mooween, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
Sch. Actor, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Minerva, shore.
Sch. Tecumseh, shore.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.
Sch. Appomattox, via Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Rebecca, shore.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
Sch. Matiana, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Richard, haddock.
Sch. Slade Gorton, haddock.
Sch. Lafayette, pollocking.
Sch. Matiana, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Georges, handlining.

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Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

On the Railways.

Sch. Reporter is on Burnham's railways.
Sch. Gracie is on Parkhurst's railways for repairs made necessary by going ashore at Plymouth a few weeks ago.

Portland Fish Notes.

Sunday's arrivals were schs. Albert W. Black, with 5000 lbs. fish; Marjorie Turner, 6000; sloop Minerva, 1000.

News From the Herring Fleet.

Sch. Arthur James, bound home from Bonne Bay, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring, sailed from Louisburg, C. B., on Friday.

Sch. Elizabeth N., bound for Bay of Islands, N. F., and sch. Smuggler, bound for Bonne Bay, N. F., both for herring cargoes, sailed from Louisburg, C. B., for their destinations on Friday.

Sch. Arethusa is reported loaded with salt herring at Bay of Islands, N. F., and ready to sail for home.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Quickstep was at Yarmouth, N. S., recently with 10,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Norman Fisher cleared from Louisburg, C. B., for St. Pierre, Miquelon, Saturday.

Sch. John Hays Hammond cleared from Louisburg, C. B., on Saturday.

Fresh Halibut Price.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Mooween at T wharf Monday, sold for 13 cents per pound right through.